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Director's Meeting

Thursday, 31 January 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, [REDACTED]

The Director:

a. Referred to certain reports that were to go to Mr. Bohlen only and stated that we should show him the last two or three of these reports received and request his comments and whether or not he desired to see such reports in the future. Mr. Dulles undertook to proceed along these lines.

b. Discussed certain personnel changes and stated his desire to handle these matters personally.

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Mr. Dulles:



c. Raised the question of the exchange of PWs in Korea. Mr. Wisner noted that he had prepared a paper on this subject as a result of the DCI's redraft of Mr. Hedden's first paper. After some discussion, the Director stated that in this particular matter we should not make formal representation to the NSC and that this matter should be handled informally and suggested that it be done by DD/P. The Director noted that it was only our job to invite attention as to what could be done in this regard and that we could not bear the burden of following through on any suggestions that we might make.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Mentioned the removal of certain troops and that if such removal was done, it would be made on an overt basis. The DCI approved and stated that this situation would be discussed with [REDACTED] on his return.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

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25X1 c. Read the full text of the cable pertaining to the first item in today's Log. The Director asked Mr. Wisner to continue to note such items in the Log and if no immediate action was necessary such items would be held for discussion with [redacted] and Col. Johnston upon their return. In connection with the above-mentioned cable, the Director referred to our agreement that in areas where active military operations were being conducted CIA would report through military channels to the military commander. He also stated that if the military did not wish to make use of our talents, we would withdraw our people and put them in "other places". After further discussion, the Director stated that the matter referred to in the above cable would also be discussed with [redacted] and Colonel Johnston upon their return and, if necessary, he would send a letter to General Ridgway.

25X1 d. Referred to the proposed memorandum on PSB project procedures. The Director stated that (1) he had just received this paper this morning; (2) had not had an opportunity to read it; (3) before pursuing the matter further he would like comments and recommendations. Mr. Dulles noted that he was not in complete agreement with this paper as presently written and suggested that it be returned to a drafting committee for further consideration. After some discussion, the Director said he would mention this paper at today's PSB meeting and indicate that we were not completely satisfied with the proposals contained therein. Note: Comments have been furnished DCI by Mr. Dulles.

Mr. Wolf:

a. Noted that our personnel turnover rate had been greatly reduced.

b. Reported on a meeting with [redacted] yesterday and stated it would be about three weeks before we could expect concrete recommendations on our new building.

Mr. Hedden:

25X1 a. Briefly discussed [redacted] activities and asked if the DCI would have an opportunity to see him today. The Director stated that due to his schedule he could not.

b. Expressed enthusiasm on Mr. Becker's choice for Dr. Millikan's replacement.



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